OSMUNDA regalis.

Lin. Sp. Pl. 1551. *Flo. Scot.* 653. *Flo. Ang.* 449. *Park.* 1038. *Ger. Em.* 1131.

TAB. V.

OSMUND ROYAL.

THE root is large, thick, hard, and woody, firmly fixed in the tough mire by its numerous long ſtringy fibres, and is cloſely covered by ſeveral folds of tough brown ſcales.

The firſt leaves are from two to four feet high, of an elegant longiſh oval ſhape; the rib ſmooth and gloſſy, having an hollow furrow on the upper ſide, round or gibbous on the under ſide, and naked a good way from the root.

Second leaves from ſix to ten pairs, the third or fourth pair from the root longeſt, thence to the top ſhortening by a ſudden gradation; they are placed at an acute angle with the rib of the firſt leaf.

Lobes from five to ten pairs, tongue-ſhaped, irregularly lobed at their bottoms; the firſt pairs for half their number of equal length, thence to the